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LOK SABHA

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RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION POLICY IN POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) policy for providing employment to the local people/displaced persons due to setting up of power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employment has been provided to the local people displaced due to acquisition of land for the Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited;

(d) if so, details thereof and the present status of its implementation; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of R&R policy in power projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 315 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 16.04.2010 REGARDING RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION POLICY IN POWER PROJECTS.

(a): Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources) have formulated a National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy 2007 vide F.No. 26011/4/2007-LRD and published in the Gazette of India, extraordinary Part 1, Section 1 dated 31st October, 2007, which under para 7.13.1 includes the necessary provision for providing employment to the affected family.

(b): The provisions related to providing employment to the project affected people as stipulated in Clause 7.13.1 read as under:-

In case of a project involving land acquisition on behalf of a requiring body.-

(i) the requiring body shall give preference to the affected families − at least one person per nuclear family − in providing employment in the project, subject to the availability of vacancies and suitability of the affected person for the employment;

(ii) wherever necessary, the requiring body shall arrange for training of the affected persons, so as to enable such persons to take on suitable jobs;

(iii) the requiring body shall offer scholarships and other skill development opportunities to the eligible persons from the affected families as per the criteria as may be fixed by the appropriate Government;

(iv) the requiring body shall give preference to the affected persons or their groups or cooperatives in the allotment of outsourced contracts, shops or other economic opportunities coming up in or around the project site, and

(v) the requiring body shall give preference to willing landless labourers and unemployed affected persons while engaging labour in the project during the construction phase.

(c) & (d): An agreement dated 15.02.1986 was signed between the then Govt. of Bihar (at that time Jharkhand was part of Bihar) and NTPC, Kahalgaon STPP. NTPC has taken action as per the provisions of agreement in regard to Kahalgaon project. Based on availability of vacancies, all the unskilled categories have been filled up from among the Project Affected Families (PAFs) and preference has been given in skilled jobs to affected families as per the agreement.

The details and present status of implementation are as under:

Employment provided to PAFs in unskilled category : 112 nos.

Employment provided to PAFs in skilled category : 188 nos.

Total : 300 nos.

Offer for employment issued to PAFs on 16.2.2010 in skilled category : 101 nos.

Recruitment process initiated to provide employment in skilled category : 08 nos.

Further, NTPC has taken following actions for gainful engagement of local people/displaced persons to the extent possible:

Around 1700 Project Affected Persons are working with contracting agencies of NTPC, Kahalgaon.

Around 45 vehicles hired through PAFs.

125 PAF agencies are working in the plant horticulture, road repair and MGR related works.

06 cooperative societies formed by PAFs comprising of 163 PAFs are working in NTPC, Kahalgaon.

19 shops are allotted to PAFs in Township area of NTPC, Kahalgaon.

(e): Constitution of National Monitoring Committee has been envisaged in the National R&R Policy for reviewing and monitoring the progress of implementation of rehabilitation and resettlement schemes or plans relating to all cases to which this policy applies.